

FORWARD.

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God's command was, "Speak unto the children of Israel that they go forward." Exodus 14: 15. We as a church need that command to-day. As individuals we travel too much in circles. We are to go from strength to strength. We should have a clearer sky over our heads, and a firmer rock under our feet to-day than yesterday. God has placed us here to do some good work. So let us press forward and be more active, zealous, and interested in the work of our Master. As a church we ought to be aggressive. I am afraid we are too much on the defensive. An army which is forever on the defensive will never win a battle. Thus let us march forward and the victory will be ours.

We should try to improve our services, our singing, our preaching, our praying, our teaching, our plans, our church edifices. The congregation which does not advance or progress, will soon become discouraged. So let us ever go forward as the Lord in ancient times commanded the children of Israel.

Lincoln, Neb.

King's Children.

THE REJOICING HEART.

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In studying any subject, we find but two existing forces, the positive and negative. Therefore, there can be but two kinds of hearts, the *rejoicing* and *non-rejoicing*. The one being the fruit of happiness, the other the result of grief.

In the first place we will consider some of the *evil* rejoicing of the heart. Daily we are surrounded with people who are always happy in possessing temporal blessings, such as wealth, fame, powers, etc., all of which must perish if not used in the fear of the Lord. Jeremiah positively forbids such rejoicing of the heart when he says, "Thus saith the Lord, let not the wise man glory in his wisdom, neither let the mighty glory in his might; let not the rich man glory in his riches."

We are not, however, forbidden to acquire knowledge. In fact it is a privilege that God has given us. We can gaze with awe upon the majesty of the celestial bodies, and with the profoundest reverence upon the terrestrial, yet all this can avail us nothing, if we refuse to give God the glory and accumulate wisdom to increase our own storehouse of knowledge, but rather let us heed the admonition of James, who says, "If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God that giveth

to all men liberally and upbraideth not, and it shall be given him."

Again, there is an evil rejoicing of the heart when we seek and secure the applauses of men rather than divine approval. We rejoice when we hear praises sung of our success, and feel elated over our own prosperity, forgetting the old adage that, "Popular opinion is fleeting," and though the heart rejoices for a time, it is only for a brief season, and heart-rending will be the scene when the terrible truth dawns upon us that we have not only robbed God of his glory, but by so doing wrought his displeasure.

Another, and perhaps the greatest and most universal evil rejoicing of the heart is, that of *riches*. With little observation we can look about us and see thousands who are daily selling their souls for paltry gold. They rejoice when earthly luxuries surround them. They live only in the splendor of their possessions. With the most ungrateful hearts they revel in their wealth as if it were possible after spending a life of dissipation, to gain a crown as their reward.

Solomon has well said, "Wilt thou set thine eyes upon that which is not? For riches certainly make themselves wings, they fly away as an eagle toward heaven, for a faithful man shall abound in blessings, but he that maketh haste to be rich shall not be innocent." Again, "They shall cast their silver in the streets, and their gold shall be removed, their silver and their gold shall not be able to deliver them in the day of wrath."

These are only a few of the vices that bring about a rejoicing heart where rejoicing is sin. And we will now consider those who have a right to rejoice. To these may belong the rich or poor, intelligent or ignorant, exalted, or those of low degree. For we read, "Let the hearts of them rejoice that seek the Lord." "Let all those that put their trust in thee rejoice; let them ever shout for joy, because thou defendest them; let them also that love thy name be joyful in thee." As David has said, "The righteous shall be glad in the Lord, and shall trust in him; and all the upright in heart shall glory, for praise is comely for the upright." Again we have the most implicit confidence demonstrated in the old prophet who says, "Although the fig tree shall not blossom, neither shall fruit be in the vines; the labor of the olive shall fail and the fields shall yield no meat; the flock shall be cut off from the fold, and there shall be no herd in the stalls, yet will I rejoice in the Lord. I will joy in the God of my salvation."

By these few illustration we can see, only one class of people have the right to

be happy, and these are the Christians. To them, and them only, is promised the crown of life. And they are not only granted the privilege of rejoicing, but commanded to do so. Therefore, let every Christian present be a living ray of sunshine that whatever may be your vocation in life you may by a word, look or deed, help those less fortunate in life to see the beauty of Christianity. Thereby you will not only increase the rejoicing of your heart, but be the means of helping and perhaps saving others.

Pleasant View, Ind.

FROM WATERLOO, IOWA.

As I have nothing else to do, I thought I would put a few lines in the BRETHREN EVANGELIST for the Junior class at Enon. I belong to the Junior class. We have been having splendid King's Children and we are trying to keep on, and I think if we all work, by the help of God, we may have it so. Sunday evening last, we elected new officers. The officers are Arnon Hemsworth, President.

Blanche Hoover, Vice President.

Ella Johnson, Secretary. •

Morse Hoover, Ass't Secretary.

Emma Landis, Treasurer,

Viola Whipkey, Librarian.

We have only one committee, and that is the Floral committee. Bert Hoover, Bertha Hemsworth, and Jay Hoover are on the committee. Mrs. Eli Hoover is our teacher. She is a good worker in the church. Our pastor's name is J. L. Gillen. He lives at Hudson and is highly respected by all. A few weeks ago Rev. Bowman held a revival meeting at our church when many were brought into the fold. We have been having nice weather. Well, I will close for this time, hoping to see this in the EVANGELIST.

ELLA JOHNSON.

NIGHT-WORK.

It has always been said that the engineer of a railway train has a great deal of unpleasant responsibility, but according to a little incident told by an engineer, the wife of a man in his occupation has her trials as well.

"It's trying work on the mind, sir, is engine-driving," said the engineer, in reply to some friendly questions, "and it aint all over with when I go home, either. The switches and single-lights and side-tracks get into my head, sir, and they bother me when I'm asleep.

"And they bother my wife, too, sometimes," he added. "The other night she waked me up crying, 'Murder! Murder! Are you trying to kill me, Henry? And there I was, sir, pulling her arm almost out of its socket, with my foot braced against the foot-board, trying to reverse!'"